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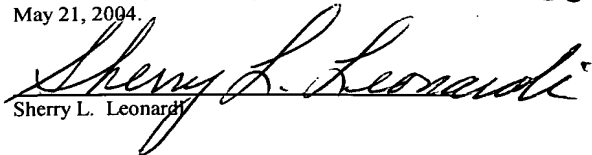
In the application of  
DONALD ESPIE HAY  
Serial No.: 09/686,396  
Filed: October 9, 2000  
For: A BRUSH AND  
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THEREOF

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**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), in order to file a response to the Office Action Summary mailed on December 3, 2003, within the third additional month. A three month time extension would cause the response to be due on June 3, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed for the pertinent fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

This request is not interposed for purposes of delay, but is mandated by the schedules of the Applicant and his attorney. Accordingly, favorable action on this request is believed to be in order.

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,



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